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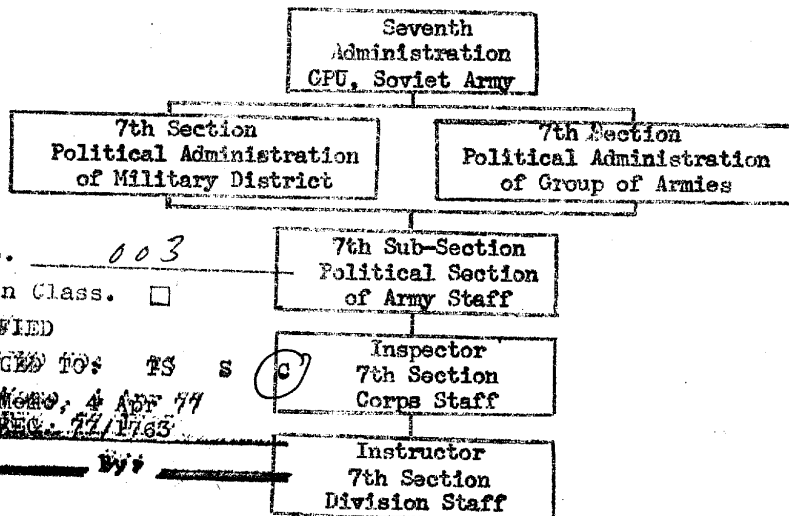
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Comment: [REDACTED] reported that the 7th Section of the Soviet Army General Staff had been dissolved; the following report indicates that it still exists or has been reactivated. 25X1A2g

1. After the Administration of Agitation and Propaganda (Agitprop), the Seventh Administration (Upravlenie) is the largest of the various administrations in the Chief Political Administration (GPU) of the Soviet Army.
2. The operational abbreviation for this section is "GPU - 7". The full name is "Administration for the Demoralization of Enemy Troops" (Upravlenie po rabote sredi armii /voisk/ protivnika). The full name is rarely used, and then only in orders for officer personnel.
3. The position of GPU - 7 in the Armed Forces is shown in the following diagram:



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In the diagram, the Russian words "upravlenie", "otdel", and "otdelenie" are translated as "administration", "section", and "sub-section", respectively.

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4. The mission of 7th Sections in wartime is as follows:
- Organization of political intelligence in the enemy army through dispatched agents and with the help of permanent (long-range) CP agents.
 - Political indoctrination of the enemy army through nets of agitator-propagandists of the CP and through active methods, such as radio, newspapers, aerial leaflets.
 - Creation of nets of active agitators in the forward lines: loudspeaker-equipped officers and soldiers from reconnaissance units.
 - Political preparation of the enemy population.
5. Seventh Section inspectors and instructors train their non-T/O helpers from among Communists of military units. Ordinarily these helpers are in reconnaissance units and carry out special tasks. For example: a) the commander of a reconnaissance unit gets in touch with a 7th Section agent in an opposing enemy formation; b) the commander of a front-line unit provides protection and safe passage through the line for 7th Section agents, etc.
6. Cases are known in which non-T/O assistants to 7th Sections assigned to forward reconnaissance units undertook to "strengthen the fighting spirit" of Soviet units by mutilating the corpses of Soviet soldiers and officers killed by the Germans and lying in no-man's-land and then showing them as acts of enemy bestiality.
7. It is known that large numbers of Communist officers of the enemy army were in the service of 7th Sections. Many of them were given officer's rank in the Soviet Army and were decorated with orders and medals.

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